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SEVEN LITTLE PIGEONS.

In the following little poem, by Gusle P. Du Bois, in "Our Little Ones," there is a lesson for little ones and also for the older ones, especially girls, who are often in too much of a hurry to leave their parental homes.

Seven little pigeons sat in a row,

Coo, coo, coo;

And each little pigeon yearned to know
More of the world than the barn could show;
They longed to be travelling to and fro,

Coo, ooo, coo.

Seven little pigeons, each with a crest,

600,000,000;

Two flew out to the golden west,
To find where the crops were growing best;
Two flew south on the same brave quest;

Coo, coo, ooo.

Seven little pilgrims, silly as small,

Coo, ooo, coo;

Two flew north, where the deep snows fall,
And none of the six came back at all,
No matter how much the one might call,

Coo, coo, coo.

Seven little pigeons--one left alone,

Coo, coo, coo;

He stayed back till his wings were grown,
And out through the world and back has flown;
But he calls for the six in the same sweet tone,

Coo, coo, coo.



We were considerably surprised at reading the following statement by the writer of an article in a late number of Harper's Magazine, respecting the State of Arkansas, the popular notion being that it is a bowie-knife State, lawless and ignorant.

It is a fairly temperate [or temperance] State. Under the high license and local option laws, prohibition prevails in two-thirds of the State, and the popular vote is strictly enforced. In 48 of the 75 counties no license is granted; in other counties only a single town votes license, and in many of the remaining counties many towns refuse it. In five counties only is liquor perfectly free. A special law prohibits liquor selling within five miles of a college; within three miles of a church or school, a majority of the adult inhabitants can prohibit it. With regard to liquor selling, woman suffrage practically exists. The law says that on a petition of a majority of the adult population in any district the county judge must refuse license. The women, therefore, without going into politics, sign the petitions and create prohibition. The laws against carrying concealed weapons are strict, and are enforced, and the general aspect of the State is as orderly and moral as any.

In speaking of the great penal colony of Chyenne in the West Indies, a writer says, when a convict dies, the body is borne to the sea, and a great bell is toned, and then the surface of the sea becomes suddenly furrowed by a multitude of fins, swart, sharp, triangular—legions of sharks, rushing to the hideous funeral. They know the bell.

Old Professor Gasaway was disturbed one night by the ringing of his door bell. Hastily putting on his dressing gown, he threw open a window, and, sticking out his head, asked what was the cause of the disturbance. "The burglars are bad," said a saucy boy, "and we only wanted to tell you that one of your windows is open." "Which one?" he asked, anxiously. "The one you have got your head stuck out of," replied the students in chorus.

It is reported that at a certain State Fair 3000 people were present to witness the marriage of a couple, followed by their going up in a balloon. It is hinted that they did this "for a money consideration."

Wheat and flour have risen largely in price within the last two or three months, not so much from scarcity as from the combination of a few rich men that they may be able to sell at the expense of the many. A "trust."

It is reported that a "cabbage trust" has now been formed in Ohio, to put the price up to five cents a-head in the field. What next?

Life of Gen. Sheridan, as written by himself. Sub-
scripted and taken by J. Van Court, ag't for Haddonfield

There is a good deal of talk just now about admitting Canada into the Confederacy of the United States.

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A CHAT WITH OUR FRIENDS.

Since our last No. was issued there have been some three or four refusals at the P. O. That's all right where the paper is not wanted. We don't wish any one to take or pay for it if they do not feel free to do so. One of the refusals was from a person, who, after paying for the paper, ventilated himself about it and the publisher in such an offensive way that the money was enclosed in an envelop and returned to him. We want no man's money if he thinks he does not get an equivalent for it.

We are receiving almost daily payments for the paper, either by being landed to us, or put in an envelop and sent through the P. O.; and were surprised and gratified one day last week at receiving nine payments in one single day, and several new subscribers, and the next day but one after that, five more, and all without solicitation, for which they leave our thanks. Our list is growing at such a rate that we are talking about the necessity of an improved and faster press, and then to enlarge the paper to double its present size—four pages.

A town like Haddonfield, rapidly growing, beautiful, healthy and wealthy, with its about 2500 inhabitants, libraries, schools, etc., ought, we think, to sustain a newspaper of some kind, whether it be a little or big one, if properly and honestly conducted, even if there should be a little difference of opinion occasionally on minor matters between the editor and some of the readers.

It is said some of the persons who recently came here to see or take part in the great parades, expressed their surprise at the extent of the town, having previously had an idea that it was but a diminutive country village of but little account. Now, there is nothing that will bring and keep a town or village into notice equal to a live newspaper with a good and general circulation. Our little paper, besides its general circulation in Haddonfield, has readers in Camden, Philadelphia, and in other different places and States, even to California.

We deeply and feelingly sympathize with our neighbor, Isaac Middleton, in the loss of his companion, having passed through a like sad experience. But the time is coming, may come soon, when "we shall meet again" with our loved and absent ones, in a "brighter world."

A Mrs. Fixen lectured on Temperance, or intemperance, in the Methodist church, on Monday evening, Oct. 29, to quite a respectable audience—said to have been very interesting and amusing. She is a Norwegian.

A new store has been opened at the corner of Main street and Railroad ave., by W. S. Eldredge. The purpose is to keep and sell good articles at fair prices.

We notice that a new stone pavement has been laid in front of the Methodist church.

The vote for Presidential Electors in Haddonfield, was: Repub. ticket, 473; Dem. 196; Prohib. 33.

Rev. E. H. Stokes, of Ocean Grove, preached in the Methodist church last Sunday, and took for his subject the deeply interesting history of Elsha and his servant, the latter of whom had become greatly alarmed at their perilous situation, when Elsha prayed that the eyes of his servant might be opened. "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw," etc. See 2 Kings, chap. vi. The sermon was deeply interesting. We would like to expand, but are reminded of the man adrift in his little boat on the ocean, who, in his despair, exclaimed, "My boat is so little, and the sea is so big."

There was a pleasant entertainment given in the session room of the Presbyt'n church on Thursday evening of last week, by the Y. P. S. C. E. (whatever that may be), for the benefit of the new Sunday Sch'l building. It consisted chiefly of Crotie Songs, Chas. and Julius Graf sang a duett. "The Winds are sighing," in good style. The Indian and Japanese lady, which cried, afforded much amusement. Amount realized was about \$46.

There was a large gathering at the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon last, on occasion of the 70th anniversary of its Sunday school and branches. The church was decorated with plants and flowers; and there were addresses, singing, responses, etc.

Grace Church members gave an entertainment in the Jersey Building on the evening of the 25th ult., which was well attended—the proceeds from which to be added to the building fund, and the amount realized about \$40.

The Sunday evening song services, or concerts, at the Methodist church, previous to the regular service, seem to be quite popular, judging from the large attendance.

There was a large and enthusiastic Prohibition meeting at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, on Saturday evening last. Addressed by Gen. Fisk and Mrs. Lathrop.

A *Chrysanthemum* Show and Musical Festival will be given in the Armory Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and ev'ngs, Nov. 12, 13 & 14, 1 to 10 o'clock. Proceeds for the benefit of the Free Reading Room. Admission 25 cents; Children 15 cts.

We should think the people were about tired enough of parades and political meetings, and will only say that there was a Democratic meeting in the Jersey building on Friday evening last, addressed by Hon. C. S. Winfield, and a Republican meeting on Saturday evening, but, from some cause, the men advertised to speak, failed to appear. The Century Club paraded, and the Jefferson Club went to Camden to take part in the parade there.

There were two immense parades in New York on Saturday evening last—a Republican and a Democratic, but it was arranged so that they should not come in collision. It was estimated that each had from 50,000 to 75,000 in line. But the estimates differ, some higher, some lower. Each had a man drop dead in the ranks.

Cd. Rulien's suit against Mrs. Grant has been settled by her paying him \$10,000 and interest for services, but with no partnership claim in her book, Life of Grant.

As we go to press the indications are that the Republican candidate for President, Gen. Harrison, has been elected, and the country is "safe" once more. Glory.

The President has issued his proclamation for a general Thanksgiving Day, on Thursday, Nov. 29.

The Century Club of Haddonfield paraded on Wednesday evening last, on account of Republican victories and the election of Gen. Harrison.

It is reported that New Jersey gives 5000 majority for Cleveland.

DIED—Suddenly, at Haddonfield, on Friday, Oct. 20th, MARY ANN, wife of Isaac Middleton.